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Welcome to the 2026 Fete & Festival!

My name is Neil Poole, and I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new Chair of the Fete and Festival Committee. I follow in the footsteps of Dee Callaghan and Kate Bennett - my thanks to Dee for handing over the committee in such good heart.

Now to 2026: the date is set for Saturday 11th July, from 2 pm until late, and we're aiming to make it bigger and better than ever. We're thrilled to welcome STINGRAY as our headline act, joined by Otters Pocket, Singerella and a host of local musicians, with fairground rides, bouncy castles, stalls and other attractions to keep the whole family entertained from first act to last.

There's lots more beyond the green, with activities at the Church, Scout Hut and school playground, and the social club's popular beer and cider festival. Do order your programme early so you don't miss out.

The aim of the Fete has never changed: as Kate first put it, it's “a day that residents from Bar Hill and surrounding areas can come together to support charities, community groups, and local businesses.” None of it would happen without our committee and volunteers - thank you, all of you.

The event is funded entirely by sponsorship and donations from local businesses, the Parish Council and clubs. That generosity means everything - please support our sponsors, whose adverts appear throughout this programme.

We always welcome fresh ideas and extra hands - if you'd like to get involved, email volunteering@barhill-ca.org. So get the date in your diary, grab your chairs, picnic and family, and head to the village green on Saturday 11th July. We can't wait to see you there!

Best regards,

Neil Poole

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On behalf of the Fete & Festival Committee

Please donate for next year’s Fête & Festival. Thank you!

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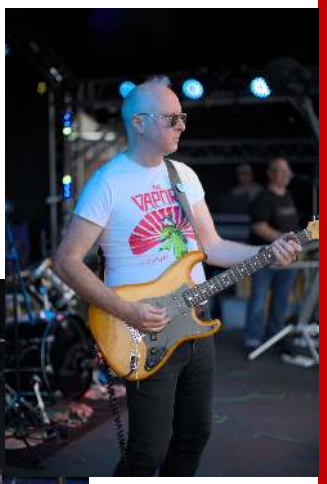
STINGRAY

Stingray are a three-piece live band made up of Matt, Jon and Dave, bringing an energetic mix of rock, pop and party favourites to audiences across the region.



Their varied repertoire spans decades of classic hits, from David Bowie and ELO to modern favourites such as The Killers, Foo Fighters and Arctic Monkeys. Whether it's sing-along anthems like I'm a Believer and Don't You (Forget About Me), classic Britpop from Oasis, or crowd-pleasing rock from Queen, Stingray deliver a set packed with familiar songs guaranteed to get people dancing and singing along.

With something for all ages and musical tastes, Stingray are sure to provide a fantastic evening of live entertainment at this year's event.

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Otters Pocket is a seven-piece band specialising in Motown, Classic Soul, Northern Soul with a touch of funk. Fronted by the brilliant and vibrant Laura T, and backed by a dynamic three-piece horn section, we bring the full power and richness of these timeless songs.

Blending the best of old and new, we celebrate iconic classics while adding our own distinctive twist. From Motown and soul favourites to Northern Soul anthems, with a few modern funky hits thrown in for good measure, our sets are guaranteed to get audiences dancing.

Regular performers at festivals, weddings, parties and live music venues, Otters Pocket has also headlined its own successful shows around East Anglia to enthusiastic audiences and great reviews.

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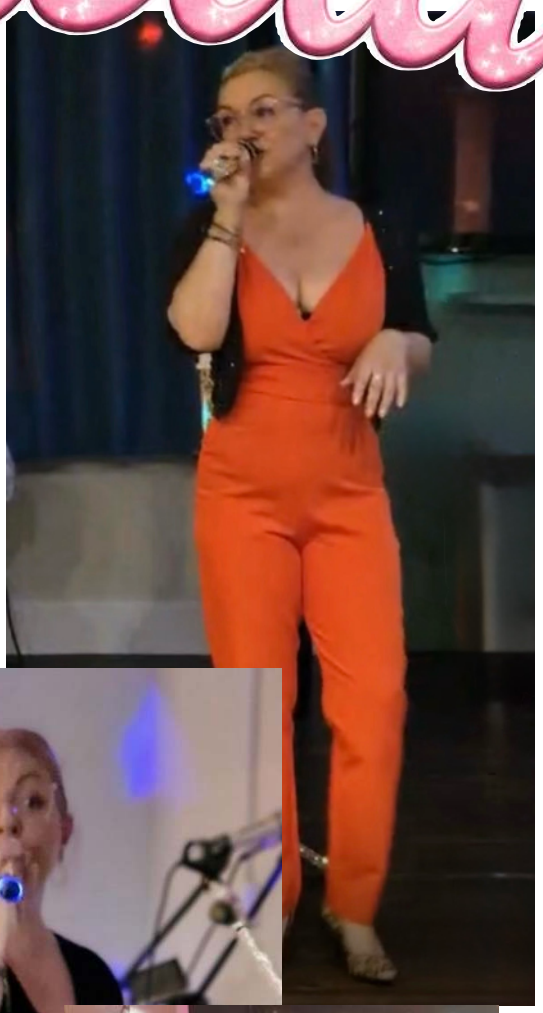
Singerella



Singerella is a dynamic solo artist ready to light up this year's Fete & Festival stage. With over 25 years working in the music industry, including fronting live bands, she knows exactly how to capture an audience!

Her massive repertoire spans the decades, ensuring there is a perfect song for everyone in the crowd to get up and start dancing!

She has done it all, from touring with a massive 12-piece live disco band to headlining theatres and recording in professional studios. Now, she brings that wealth of star power and energy to our festival stage. Grab a drink, find a spot by the stage, and get ready for a memorable performance.

Singerella is guaranteed to entertain you!

Music for everyone

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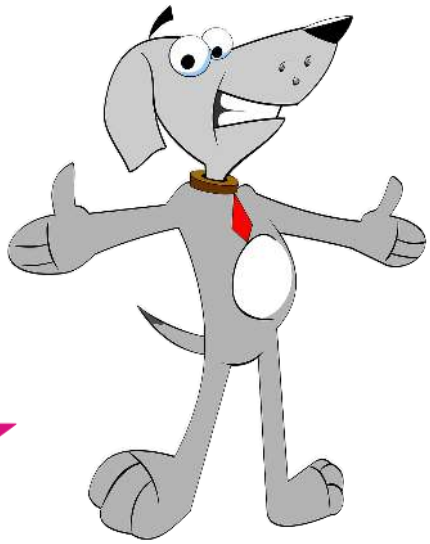
Craft Stalls, Local Clubs, and Associations



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Swavesey Music School

Over the last three years, Swavesey Music School has been nursing some of the aspiring new musical talent in the Cambridgeshire area. This year we present;

The Mighty We - Fin (drums/guitar), Alex (drums/guitar), Arthur (guitar), Elsie (bass), Zoe (vocals), Scarlett (vocals) and Joss (guitar/vocals). Representing the eldest of Swavesey Music School, this lot will be performing hard Alternative bangers from the likes of Ash, Paramore, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Muse and more. Zoe and Scarlett joined the rest of the band in September with their voices lending themselves beautifully to the rest of the band, many of whom have been with us for many years since we reformed back in 2022!

Young Ones - Arthur (guitar), Elsie (bass), Arthur (keyboard), Harry (vocals) and Owain (vocals). Representing our youngest, although Arthur and Elsie have moved up to join their growing peers in our other band, they remain loyal to their roots alongside Arthur and Owain, all 4 of whom have been with us since the beginning also! Harry is the latest to join us, whose voice and stage presence is a refreshing taste. The band have adopted a varied taste in pop-rock tunes this year, so expect ones from Take That, OneRepublic, The Animals, Radiohead and more. Alex and Fin will also be joining them for a few numbers!

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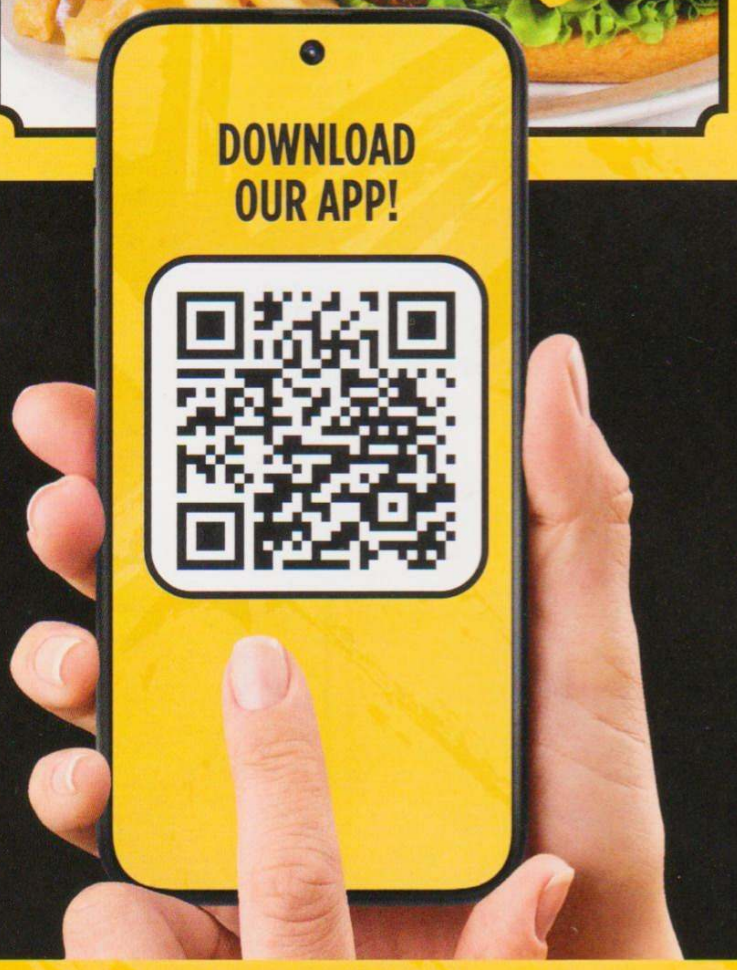

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2:30 DOG SHOW: FIRST CLASS STARTS

3:00 CHURCH: CHOIR

4:00 STAGE: THE MIGHTY WE

4:45 STAGE: THE YOUNG ONES

5:30 STAGE: DON'T LISTEN

6:15 STAGE: SINGERELLA

8:00 STAGE: OTTERS POCKET

9:30 STAGE: STINGRAY

(ALL TIMES APPROXIMATE)

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Your Fete & Festival Committee for 2026 were;

- Neil Poole (Chair) - Anthony Mitchell (Fundraising) - Steve Williams -
- Wendy Arrowsmith (Church) - Andy Pellew (Secretary/ Magazine) - Bunty Waters -
- Kirsty Farrington (Stalls) - Peter Keep - Linda & Brian Howard -